

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are pending in this application, with claim 1 being the only independent claim. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 6. Dependent claim 4 is amended to be consistent with the changes to independent claim 1.

Claim 6 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 6 was found to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the allowable subject matter, independent claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6. In view of the amendments, independent claim 1 is now deemed to be allowable.

Dependent claims 2-5 and 7-9 are allowable for at least the same reasons as is independent claim 1, as well as for the additional recitation contained therein.

The application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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